

HOUSTON WHOLESALE MARKET

DEA IS VERY QUIET,
BUT OUTLOOK PROMISING.

Carload of California Apples Was Re-
ceived—Eggs Are Weaker—Cotton
Seed Products Continue Firm.

Linters are stiffer; prices ranging at \$3 to \$3.50 in the interior.

Business in the local wholesale market yesterday was rather quiet in all lines, but inquiry orders were fairly numerous, but no trade was not so good as usual. The outlook, however, is improving in general. Stocks are being supplied, particularly in fruits and vegetables, in anticipation of better trade next week. The weather has been quite cool, selling at a parity below the price of crude oil. The natural difference is gradually being eliminated and refined oil is seeking its natural level, based on the recent values of the crude oil market, it having advanced to 40¢.

The buying continues entirely from the home trade, some of it being for consumptive demand, but considerable being to stock up and for speculation. On the part of consumers we believe that prices ultimately will be higher.

At present the situation continues a very mixed one. At prices ruling this week two of the larger companies show more desire to sell than buy, having sold both refined and crude, particularly latter.

The European markets still remain entirely disinterested spectators, and are making but little inquiry and sending about the same orders at anything like current valuation.

Our latter trade yesterday showed signs of improvement, but was only moderate, and a fair demand.

Prices have weakened slightly under larger

HOUSTON CURRENT QUOTATIONS.

Comparison of these quotations shows advantages in favor of Houston as a wholesale market. When the buyer considers the benefits to be derived from Houston's freight rates, he will find that, even on the quotable figures at other markets lower, the price finally paid is generally greater. The prices are those ruling among Houston wholesale merchants, and revised daily.

HEAVY STAPLES.

AMMUNITION—Powder, per kg., \$4.50; gunpowder, \$1.65 per kg.; drop shot, size, \$1.55; buck, \$1.80.

MACON—Extra short clear, in sacks, 4¢; regular, 12¢; short, 12¢; boxed, 4¢; long, 12¢; broken, 12¢; black; New York, 14¢.

PEPPER—Chile, new, 15¢ to 16¢ per pound;

black, Singapore, 15¢.

QUININE—Jumbo, per pound, 75¢; fancy hamper, 66¢, 6¢ extra.

POULTRY—Chicken, hen, \$1.50; fowl, \$2.50;

turkey, large, \$3.50; fowl, small, \$1.10.

ONIONS—Per lb., 15¢ to 16¢.

PEPPERMINT—Chile, new, 15¢ to 16¢ per pound;

black, Singapore, 15¢.

COCONUTS—Per sack, less quantities, 42¢; 100 pounds, 44¢.

CRANBERRIES—Per crate, \$1.25 to \$1.50.

LEMONS—Mexican, 9¢; California, 12¢.

LEAVES—Mexican, per basket, \$3.00; California, 25¢.

CALIFORNIA LIMES—Mexican, per basket, \$3.25.

ORANGES—California, per box, \$2.00; Florida, 25¢.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Whitish lead, per cwt., strictly prime, \$8.25; second quality, 6¢; half grade, \$5.00.

Turpentine, per gallon, two grades, \$3.00 to \$7.00; barrel lots, 60¢ per gallon. Mineral paints, 60¢ per gallon. Dry fixed paints, per cwt., in barrels, 90¢. Linseed oil, 10¢ per gallon. California paint, 12¢ per cwt., 10¢ extra. Linseed oil, 25¢; yellow ochre, per cwt., \$1.00. Linseed oil, 30¢; yellow ochre, per cwt., \$1.00.

FLAX—Mexican, per basket, \$1.00 to \$1.25.

GLASS—Standard, 50¢; light, 48¢; electric lights, 8¢.

EMERIT—Portland, \$2.75¢ to \$2.25¢.

Rosenthal, \$1.75¢ to \$1.50¢.

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